

FISCAL NOTE

HJR 331

May 22, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Directs the Department of Environment and Conservation to conduct a study to determine the feasibility and desirability of implementing a program to warn the public of the presence of toxic and hazardous wastes at certain Superfund Sites and the inherent dangers associated with toxic and hazardous wastes. Such program should be administered within the following parameters:

Warning signs should be required and should be posted along the perimeter of all public and private properties and military facilities promulgated or voluntarily placed on the National Priority List of Superfund Sites. If such sites are located within one (1) mile of a public or private school.

Such warning signs should be posted conspicuously and should bear the word "DANGER" in large type and in a bright color and should also have the skull-and-crossbones symbol conspicuously embossed thereon. In addition to being posted along the perimeter of any National Priority Superfund Site within one (1) mile of a public or private school, such warning signs should also be posted along the borders of ditches or creeks originating from and/or adjacent to such sites.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

MINIMAL

Assumes the Department of Environment and Conservation will utilize existing staff and resources to conduct the study.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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